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Greetings!

I'm encouraged that the [LA County General Plan Update](#) will include a plan to install 500 additional electric vehicle charging stations! Some points to consider:

- 1) Some charging services that require a fee are no better than gasoline. For example, many charging platforms require a \$1 per hour fee (or even higher in some cases!). For my Ford C-Max (and for other plug-in hybrids as well), this fee is roughly equivalent to \$4 per gallon gasoline. Anything above \$1 per hour or \$0.30/kWh is more expensive than gasoline energy-wise. Plug-in hybrid owners that can will opt for gasoline if there's no cost savings simply because gasoline stations are far more convenient.
- 2) Too many charging stations are blocked from public use. Many are shielded behind "pay walls" like private parking structures, hotels or apartments. Please consider expanding the availability of stations that not only are free to charge but freely accessible as well. These stations would help offset the added expense of an EV or plug-in hybrid (even after considering the rebates, credits, etc., EVs and plug-ins are still more expensive than comparable gasoline powered vehicles).
- 3) Ideally, there should be no more than 20 minutes walking distance between EV charging stations.
- 4) When reviewing projects offering EV charging stations as a GHG or air pollutant mitigation under CEQA, please consider the details above to ensure that the emissions reductions are realistic. The stations should be free and publicly accessible to maximize the claimed benefits.

Thanks for this opportunity to comment on the Update. If you have any questions, you can contact me directly at 310-210-3169.

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